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1. There have been two editorials recently in the Nanyang Siang Pau\* which supported the action of North Korean forces. Most right-wing Chinese residents of Singapore are surprised by the recent change of attitude of this newspaper toward the Korean situation.
2. These two editorials have impressed some Singapore Chinese, many of whom are now beginning to doubt the ability of the democratic nations to check the spread of Communism.\*\*

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\* Comment. The Nanyang Siang Pau or Nanyang Shang Pao (South Seas Commercial Newspaper) was founded by TAN Kah Kee, reported that it is Singapore's most influential newspaper.

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\*\* Comment. This newspaper, with offices at 45-49 Robinson Road, Singapore, is the largest Chinese morning daily in Southeast Asia. It is owned by a limited company headed by George E. LEE, Editor in Chief, and WANG Chung Kwang, and has a circulation of 30,000. The paper is independent and is usually anti-Communist and pro-Chinese commercial interests.

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Comment. This new attitude of the paper may derive from the fact that LEE Kong Chian, son-in-law of TAN Kah Kee, and TAN Lark oye are on the Board of Directors. They are both supporters of TAN Kah Kee and oppose the Kuomintang Government in Taiwan.

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